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BRLN LOND ANNA ADDT BEIN MADR ANKA ALGI BONN PARI  
 XUNT BAGH KIAR LISB COPE NASO CYIR LEOP MIET PROG NEDD  
 DAMA RABA NOBI HAGU VIEN DAKI TPLI SAGO HEID ATHE JIJD  
 TUIS CYRU TENE CNER OSLO CAIR MOGA PACT GAVA BONE YAN

## PBMAD

## NEAR EAST - AFRICA BRIEF

(INFO BORN IN SIGHTS. REMAINING INFO MEASABLE TO LIAISON)

1. SAUDI ARABIA: //THE DISPUTE BETWEEN KING SAUD AND CROWN PRINCE FAISAL IS NOT YET RESOLVED, BUT FAISAL APPEARS TO BE DRIVING OUT THE CRISIS. THE DISPUTE CENTERED AROUND KING SAUD'S ATTEMPT TO RESUME PERSONAL CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH THIS SUMMER FORCED HIM TO TURN OVER TO FAISAL IN HIS ROLE AS CHIEF OF STAFF. FAISAL, VARIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE THE KING'S SON, WHICH REDUCES HISY UNLOVED TO THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND FAISAL'S REFUSAL TO GIVE CABINET POSITIONS TO TWO OF SAUD'S SONS.//

//THE PERSISTENT DIFFICULTIES BEGAN EARLIER THIS MONTH WHEN SAUD WROTE FAISAL A LETTER WHICH IN EFFECT REMOVED FAISAL FROM HIS POST AS PRIME MINISTER. FAISAL REFUSED TO STEP DOWN APPARENTLY WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF HIS AND THE KING'S BROTHERS, WHO ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.//

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PALESTINE APPEARS MOST ANGRY TO AVOID ANY CONFRONTATION WITH THE KING SINCE THIS COULD WORSEN TENSIONS AND PROBABLY LEAD TO WAR. IT HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN DECIDED THAT THE KING SHOULD NOT BE ACCUSED OF ASSASSINATING HIS SON SINCE HE IS ALREADY SUSPECTED OF HAVING ORDERED THE ROYAL GUARD TO KILL HIM. THE KING'S SON WAS REPORTEDLY KILLED BY THE ROYAL GUARD BECAUSE HE PUNISHED HIS BROTHERS WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A REBELLION.

2. YEMEN: THE REPUBLICAN FRONT IS CONTINUING TO TRY HARD WITH DISSEMINATION. LAST WEEK THE PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE COMMISSION RESIGNED, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF "GENERAL DISMAY" OVER EGYPTIAN INTERFERENCE. PRESIDENT SALLAL IS STILL IN COUNTRY AND PRO-MOSCOW VICE PRESIDENT AL-ABRI IS RUNNING THE COUNTRY.

END OF MESSAGE

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